

April 27, 2005

WEST VIRGINIA BULLETIN NO. WV300-5-13

SUBJECT: LTP – WV 2005 AMA Applications Ranking Cut-Off

Purpose: To announce a second AMA ranking period

Expiration Date: This bulletin expires December 31, 2005

I want to thank those of you who recently submitted AMA applications for approval. I realize that you are very busy attempting to process the Farm Bill Programs along with everything else that is asked of you.

The approved applications from the first ranking period total 106 possible contracts for a total of approximately \$330,000. This is a good start, however our allotment for FY-05 is \$706,178 which leaves us with about \$366,178 of unobligated funds. West Virginia was unable to obligate all of the allocated funds last year and we do not want to let that happen two years in a row.

Therefore, I am announcing a second ranking period as follows:

Friday, May 13 – End of this sign-up period

Friday, May 20 – FO rank applications, develop an estimate, enter in ProTracts

Monday, May 23 – SO notify FO's of applications approved for Contracts

Friday, June 17 – FO complete plans, have them entered into ProTracts, & signed

Contracts approved in the first ranking period will be signed in ProTracts by June 3, as outlined in the Farm Bill Timelines released in WV Bulletin [WV300-5-2](#).

The National Office plans to check and sweep unobligated funds near the end of June, so it is imperative that we have funds obligated in contracts by that time.

If you have any questions, please contact Herb Andrick, ASTC-Programs at (304) 284-7560 or Butch Woodson, Resource Conservationist at (304) 284-7583.

Again, I want to thank each of you for your efforts on the Farm Bill programs this year and let's keep the AMA program in WV a success.

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